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O R 110020Z SEP 74
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 563
INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4080

DEPT FOR OPERATIONS CENTER; NAIROBI FOR RCO, CAPE TOWN
FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, ACOM, PINS, MZ
SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS PRETORIA/LOURENCO MARQUES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 777

1. LAST TELECOMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRETORIA AND LM WAS
LM 777 RPT 777, DTG 101525Z. RECEIVED BY PRETORIA COMMCENTER
AT 1926Z.

2. TELEX COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRETORIA AND LM BROKEN
DUE TO BREAK IN LINE AT 1845Z. RSA POST OFFICE INFORMS
EMBASSY PRETORIA THAT LINE IS EXPECTED TO BE DOWN AT
LEAST ALL NIGHT AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

3. PRETORIA HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH VOICE
CONTACT OVER E&E NET WITH CG LM SINCE REPORT OF BREAK IN
TELEX COMMUNICATION.

4. E&E NET STATIONS IN BLANTYRE, TANANARIVE, AND
NAIROBI, IN ADDITION TO PRETORIA, HAVE BEEN UNABLE
RPT UNABLE TO RAISE LM CG ON E&E NET.

5. LAST TEST CONTACT WITH LM ON E&E NET WAS AT 1625Z
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BY TANANARIVE.

6. LM 777 REPORTED THAT LM CG WOULD MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. ON PREVIOUS NIGHTS E&E NET HAS FUNCTIONED WELL AND ENABLED PRETORIA TO MAINTAIN VOICE CONTACT WITH LM THROUGH BLANTYRE.

7. PRETORIA, BLANTYRE AND TANANARIVE WILL REMAIN ON THE AIR AND ATTEMPT TO RAISE LM THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND UNTIL TELEX COMMUNICATIONS ARE RESTORED.

8. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT POWER HAS BEEN CUT OFF IN LM AND THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY WITH THEIR EMERGENCY GENERATOR.

9. IN ANY EVENT, CONSULATE GENERAL LM HAS BEEN OUT OF CONTACT WITH PRETORIA AND PRESUMABLY EVERYONE ELSE SINCE DISPATCH OF LM 777.

10. PRETORIA WILL REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ANY CONTACT WITH CG LM.
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